

MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: MCTC Board Chambers

Members Present: Chairman Max Rodriguez – Supervisor, Madera County
Vice Chairman Jim Kopshever – Councilman, City of Chowchilla
Robert Poythress – Councilman, City of Madera
Tom Wheeler – Supervisor, Madera County
Sam Armentrout – Councilman, City of Madera
Alt. Frank Bigelow – Supervisor, Madera County

Members Absent: Vern Moss – Supervisor, Madera County

Policy Advisory Committee: Above Members present and Caltrans Representatives:
Jim Perrault, Acting Deputy District 06 Director

MCTC Staff Present: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director
Derek Winning, Deputy Director
Troy McNeil, Fiscal Supervisor
Richard Poythress, Planner I
Sheila Kingsley, Administrative Assistant

MCTC sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the meeting is reserved for person(s) wishing to address the MCTC on items within their jurisdiction but not on this agenda.

There was not Public Comment.

III. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

A. *Safe Routes to School (SR2S) – Successful Applications*

California was the first state in the country to legislate a Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program with dedicated funding. This occurred in 1999 with the enactment of AB 1475. In 2007, AB 57 was passed which extended the program until January 1, 2013 but removed dedicated funding.

Section 2333.5 of the Streets and Highways Code calls for the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), to make grants available to local governmental agencies under the program based upon the results of a statewide competition.

The goals of the program are to reduce injuries and fatalities to school children and to encourage increased walking and bicycling among students.

The program achieves these goals by constructing facilities that enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, primarily students in grades K-12 who walk or bicycle to school. By enhancing the safety of the pathways, trails, sidewalks, and crossings, the likelihood of attracting and encouraging other students to walk and bike increases.

Madera County Successful Applications:

Madison Elementary School - \$152,820

La Vina School - \$40,410

Action: Information and discussion only.

B. San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study – Final Report

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE
REDETERMINATION OF CONFORMITY FOR THE 2009 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT #3 AND 2007 RTP**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) is conducting a 30-day public comment period on the redetermination of conformity for the federally-approved 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment #3 and 2007 RTP.

- The 2009 FTIP is a listing of capital improvement and operational expenditures utilizing federal and state monies for transportation projects in Madera County during the next four years.
- The San Joaquin Valley is a PM2.5 multi-jurisdictional area; there are 8 MPOs within the PM2.5 nonattainment area and no PM2.5 conformity budgets are available for use at this time. Consequently, the PM2.5 conformity determination must be based on a regional emissions analysis that covers the entire nonattainment area.
- The Kern Council of Governments has revised their portion of the PM2.5 conformity analysis. Consequently, the other 7 MPOs must redetermine conformity. Since no other transportation planning changes are being made, the 7 other MPO individual conformity analyses remain unchanged. However, the new Appendix D “PM2.5 Conformity Results Summary for Each MPO in the San Joaquin Valley Nonattainment Area” is being made available for a 30-day public comment period prior to re-adoption of their conformity determination.

The 30-day public review and comment period will commence on July 8, 2009 and conclude August 6, 2009 at 5 p.m. The draft documents are available for review at the MCTC office, located at 2001 Howard Road, Suite 201, Madera, CA 93637 and on the MCTC website at www.maderactc.org/.

Public comments may be submitted in writing by 5 p.m. on August 6, 2009 to Richard Poythress at the address below.

After considering the comments, the documents will be considered for adoption, by resolution, by the MCTC Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting to be held on September 23, 2009. The documents will then be submitted to state and federal agencies for approval.

Contact Person: Richard Poythress
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Action: Approve Redetermination of Conformity for the Federally Approved 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #3 and 2007 RTP – Resolution 09-12.

C. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) – Call for Projects

For the Boards information the CMAQ Call for Projects for MAP-21 (SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization) Cycle II will be released October 2nd. Grant applications will be due December 4th. Please contact Troy McNeil with any questions.

Action: Information and discussion only.

D. Madera County Traffic Monitoring Program – 2009 Traffic Volumes Report

The Madera County Traffic Monitoring Program – Traffic Volumes Report has been developed as part of MCTC's FY 2009/10 Overall Work Program (OWP). This report is published annually and provides current traffic count information for planning and engineering projects.

Included in the Commissioner's packet was a summary of the 2009 Traffic Volumes Report containing a list of traffic counts sorted by jurisdiction. The full report, included all supporting data, is available on the Madera County Transportation Commission web site at <http://www.maderactc.org/>.

Action: Accept the 2009 Traffic Volumes Report.

E. 2035 California Transportation Plan Workshop

Enclosed in the Commissioner's packet was a flyer to announce the statewide schedule for public workshops for California Transportation Plan 2035. Caltrans is requesting that you give the flyer wide distribution.

Caltrans informed the Board that the workshop has been postponed.

Action: Information and discussion only.

F. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Memorandum of Understanding – Revised Budget and Scope of Work

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies have been awarded a fourth year grant funding for the Blueprint Planning Process. For the first three years, MCAG had been the lead agency. For the fourth year, Fresno COG will be acting as the lead agency. As such, a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), fourth year budget and revised Scope of Work will need approval by each of the eight valley regional transportation planning agencies. Included in your package is a copy of the revised MOU; 4th Year Blueprint Approved Budget; Original Scope of Work (2006-09); and 4th Year Scope of Work (2009-10).

Action: Approved the revised San Joaquin Valley Blueprint MOU.

G. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) – High Speed Rail Merced to Bakersfield Support Letter – Policy Council Resolution – 2009-09-17

Included in the Commission's packet was a copy of the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council letter supporting the inclusion of the Merced to Bakersfield corridor in the application for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds being administered through the Federal Rail Administration. The SJV Policy Council also unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-09-17 at its Thursday, September 17th meeting, supporting the High Speed Rail for California and the ARRA application for California that includes the Central Valley component of the high speed rail system as recommended by HSRA staff at the September 4 Authority meeting, specifically including non-urban segments of the system from Merced to Fresno and Fresno to Bakersfield.

Action: Information and discussion only.

H. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley – 2009 Annual Summit

Included in Commissioner's packet was a Save the Date flier for the 2009 Annual Summit of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. The Summit will be held in Fresno at the Fresno Convention and Entertainment Center on Friday, October 23, 2009 from 9:00am – 4:00pm.

Action: Information and discussion only.

I. City of Chowchilla High Speed Rail Maintenance Facility Application – Letter of Support

Recently, the CHSRA developed guidelines for the heavy maintenance facility and other maintenance facilities. These guidelines conclude that the central heavy maintenance facility should be located in the Central Valley at a still to be determined location between Bakersfield and Merced. The CHSRA provided this information to all local government agencies and other interested parties throughout the region that might have an interest in locating the heavy maintenance facility within their jurisdiction. The guidelines may be accessed on CHSRA's website at the link below:
www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/news/terminalguidelines.pdf

The City of Chowchilla is currently completing an application for the maintenance facility. Chowchilla has received letters of support from the County of Madera Board of Supervisor's and the City of Madera City Council. They will be asking other groups in Madera for support as well.

California's 800-mile high-speed train is envisioned as a state-of-the-art, electrically-powered steel-wheel-on-steel-rail intercity travel system linking the San Francisco Bay area, Sacramento and the Central Valley with Los Angeles, Inland Empire, Orange County and San Diego. The high-speed train system will boost California's economy as well as the Central Valley's by creating nearly 160,000 construction-related jobs to plan, design and build the system with an additional 450,000 permanent jobs statewide coming on-line once the system is fully built out.

This communication is serving to notify interested agencies and persons of the release of the heavy maintenance facility guidelines. At a later date, the CHSRA will formally request a statement of interest from local jurisdictions and interested parties as to potential sites for the heavy maintenance facility. Potential sites for the location of the heavy maintenance facility will be evaluated during the alternatives analysis phase of the project-level environmental review.

Action: Authorize staff to prepare a letter of support for Chair signature for the City of Chowchilla's High Speed Rail Maintenance Facility Application.

J. Blueprint Awards Program

In an effort to highlight the Valley Blueprint and showcase existing "Blueprint-friendly" projects, the eight San Joaquin Valley MPOs have initiated an annual *San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards Program*. The purpose of the Awards Program is to encourage quality in planning and development and to increase the public's awareness of the SJV Blueprint planning process by recognizing outstanding achievements and practices. This awards program is intended to be the first of an ongoing event that will recognize and celebrate plans, policies, programs and projects that reflect the Blueprint Principles.

Included in the Commissioner's packet was a list of Blueprint Award recipients. The City of Madera received an Honorable Mention for its Vision 2025 plan. The Regional Policy Council will present Blueprint Awards on October 2, 2009 at the Fall Policy Conference in Fresno. For more information contact Barbara Steck at bjsteck@fresnocog.org.

Action: Information and discussion only.

Transportation Consent Calendar Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Armentrout, seconded by Commissioner Poythress to approve the Transportation Consent Calendar (Item III A-J). A vote was called and the motion carried.

IV. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Fund Estimate and Guidelines

2010 STIP Schedule

The following are important dates concerning the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Schedule:

- Caltrans presents draft fund estimate August 12, 2009
- Workshop: Draft Fund Estimate & Draft STIP Guidelines September 9, 2009
- CTC adopts fund estimate October 14, 2009
- Caltrans identifies State highway needs November 13, 2009
- Regions submit RTIPs February 12, 2010
- Caltrans submits ITIP February 12, 2010
- CTC STIP hearing, North March 22, 2010
- CTC STIP hearing, South March 23, 2010
- CTC publishes staff recommendations April 29, 2010
- CTC adopts STIP May 19, 2010

Action: Information and discussion only.

B. Route 152 Trade Corridor Project

At the request of the California Transportation Commission (CTC), the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), in coordination with Caltrans, will study an east-west Trade and Mobility Corridor on Route 152 between US 101 and Route 99. The project is funded from a CTC Prop 1b grant (\$5 million) and matching funds (\$5 million) from VTA.

The study will evaluate highway improvements and financing strategies that could benefit the movement of goods in the corridor. The study also includes an evaluation of Route 152 realignment alternatives between US 101 and Route 156 to enhance travel safety and travel times and upgrade the route to freeway standards.

Project Schedule:

Complete Traffic and Revenue Study – January 2010
Complete Draft Trade Corridor Report – April 2010
Complete Route 152 Realignment Project PA/ED – 2012
Complete Route 152 Route Adoption Study – 2012

Action: Information and discussion only.

C. Traffic Monitoring Program – Contract Award

The Traffic Monitoring Program is comprised of two main components. The Regional Traffic Count Program and the Local Agency Discretionary Support Program. The Regional Traffic Count Program consists of a master list of count locations primarily based upon the screenlines used to calibrate the Madera County Traffic Model and are considered required services.

The Local Agency Discretionary Support Program consists of additional services: traffic counts; radar surveys; turn movements; and accident diagrams provided on an “as needed” basis upon request of the local agency. MCTC does not provide a budget for counts under this program. Local agencies requesting counts under this program are solely responsible for providing reimbursement to the consultant.

REGIONAL TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM

- 1) Regional Count Program – The MCTC is responsible for maintaining the Madera Regional Traffic Count Program. This involves approximately 225 count locations to be counted on a rotational basis over a 3-year period in which 75 locations are counted annually. The regional locations are counted over a 24-hr period in each direction and are considered to be “raw” traffic counts. A map indicating each of the regional count locations will be provided by MCTC.

LOCAL AGENCY SUPPORT PROGRAM

- 1) Local agency traffic counts – The local agencies schedule traffic counts as needed to support traffic control device warrant studies; capital improvement program development for streets and roads and signalized intersections; and turning movement counts. Workflow varies depending upon individual agency requirements.
- 2) Radar speed studies – All three agencies require radar studies, which are provided on an as needed basis. MCTC currently owns and would make available for use a radar gun and related equipment.
- 3) Accident analysis – Each agency requires accident analysis to include preparation of accident diagrams, review of accident reports, and recommendations for engineering solutions where applicable.

SELECTION SCHEDULE AND PROCESS

The anticipated schedule of activities related to this RFP is as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/> Mail RFP	July 24, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposal Submittal Deadline	August 21, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposal Review	August 24, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> MCTC Contract Award	September 23, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Start Date (tentative)	October 1, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Completion	June 30, 2012

An ad hoc committee of MCTC staff reviewed and scored the proposals. MCTC Staff recommend that Peters Engineering Group be retained based on the firm’s geographic proximity to Madera County, previous traffic count experience and a competitive bid.

The following six contractors submitted proposals and offered the following bids on a per annum basis:

1. Traffic Research Analysis, Inc. - \$5,644
2. Metro Traffic Data - \$5,825
3. Peters Engineering Group - \$8,475
4. Quad Knopf - \$18,750
5. TPG - \$33,000
6. Omni Means - \$36,350

MCTC will enter into a three-year contract with Peters Engineering Group for a total amount of \$25,500 (\$8,500 per year).

Commissioner Armentrout requested more information on staff’s recommendation that MCTC retain Peters Engineering Group (Peters), noting that other firms submitted lower bids. Staff indicated that the next lowest bid, from Metro Traffic Data, was incomplete, because the contractor’s proposal contained unspecified costs.

Staff further explained that the low bidder, Traffic Research Analysis, Inc. (TRA-Inc.), did not have any field offices locally and did not offer any references for projects completed in the San Joaquin Valley region, while Clovis-based Peters indicated prior experience conducting traffic studies for the County of Madera.

The TRA-Inc. bid did offer the lowest total price for the MCTC Regional Count Program, but charged considerably more than Peters for elective services under the Local Agency Discretionary Program. Staff

explained that Peters might turn out to be more cost effective for the region as a whole if the local agencies choose to purchase additional services at the prices proposed by Peters.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Wheeler, seconded by Commissioner Poythress to authorize staff to enter into a three-year agreement with Peters Engineering Group to develop a contract not to exceed \$8,500 per year (\$25,500 total over the life of the contract). A vote was called and the motion carried.

D. Regional Transportation Plan Environmental Impact Report Supplement – Contract Award

AB 32 – GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT

California’s major initiative for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions is outlined in Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32), the “Global Warming Solutions Act.” This effort aims at reducing GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted the AB 32 Scoping Plan that contains the main strategies California will use to reduce the greenhouse gases that cause climate change on December 11, 2008. The adopted Scoping Plan includes proposed GHG reductions from direct regulations, alternative compliance mechanisms, monetary and non-monetary incentives, voluntary actions, and market-based mechanisms such as a cap-and-trade system. On January 29, 2009, CARB held a public workshop to get input on how to implement the Scoping Plan. The workshop was an opportunity for stakeholders and interested parties to provide input into the AB 32 program. The workshop focused on the implementation of regulatory and voluntary measures, including the cap and trade program. CARB staff provided a summary of next steps, including measures schedule for adoption in 2009 and 2010 as listed in Tables 1 and 2. Many of the measures listed below do not directly affect transportation planning agencies. However, certain measures, such as the low carbon fuel standard, vehicle emissions standards and goods movement efficiency improvements, can affect the level at which greenhouse gas emission targets will be established by CARB, as discussed later with regard to implementation of SB 375.

Table 1: CARB Measures Scheduled for 2009

Sulfur Hexafluoride reduction in magnesium casting and consumer products
Stationary equipment refrigerant tracking, reporting, repair, and deposit
Reduce semiconductor GHGs Administrative fee
Research on agricultural nitrous oxide emissions Reflective auto paints and windows
Automobile tire inflation Large stationary source efficiency audits
Increased landfill methane control Cargo handling equipment
Small business and local government toolkits Mitigation fee on high Global Warming Potential (GWP) gases
Low carbon fuel standard

Table 2: CARB Measures Scheduled for 2010

Transport Refrigeration Units (TRU) cold storage prohibition
New automobile GHG reduction rule
Foam recovery and destruction Reduce emissions from refinery flares
Regional transportation GHG targets Reduce GHG leaks from oil & gas transport
Cap and trade Goods movement system-wide efficiency improvements
Residential refrigeration early retirement GHG recovery from decommissioned refrigerated shipping containers
Vehicle smog test AC leak test Remove refinery regulation methane exemption

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process has become a potential means to address a project’s or plan’s GHG emissions. CEQA requires public agencies to identify potentially significant effects on the environment of projects they intend to carry out or approve, and to mitigate significant effects whenever feasible. Global warming, or global climate change, is considered an “effect on the environment” under CEQA. Even in the absence of clearly defined thresholds for greenhouse gas emissions, CEQA requires greenhouse gas emissions be disclosed and mitigated to the extent feasible whenever the lead agency determines the project contributes to a significant, cumulative climate change impact.

CEQA requires public agencies to identify, address and mitigate (if necessary and feasible) the potential effects of greenhouse gas emissions from projects. Development of the San Joaquin Valley 2011 Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs) is required to comply with CEQA, and therefore, will need to address the greenhouse gas requirements in both the RTP and the corresponding CEQA documents. During the development of the 2007 RTPs, the Attorney General’s office commented on the CEQA documents for the

Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG), Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG), the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG), and the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG). Additional coordination among these agencies is necessary to ensure that the 2011 RTPs address the most recent state and regional guidance on AB 32, as well as continue to address all of the previous comments received (and corresponding commitments contained in the response to comments) from the Attorney General's office. According to the most recent SJV 2011 RTP schedule template, draft documents must be completed by March 2010.

Proposed SJV MPO Approach: At the April 2009 meeting, the Directors discussed whether each MPO should address the AB 32 requirements individually or develop a consistent valley-wide. A basic outline will be developed for the EIRs, but the approach for determining and assessing significance will be addressed individually.

SELECTION SCHEDULE AND PROCESS

The anticipated schedule of activities related to this RFP is as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/> Mail RFP	July 24, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposal Submittal Deadline	August 21, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposal Review	August 28, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> MCTC Contract Award	September 23, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Start Date (tentative)	October 1, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Completion	June 30, 2010

An ad hoc committee of MCTC staff reviewed and scored the proposals. MCTC Staff recommends that VRPA Technologies, Inc be retained based on firm experience preparing Regional Transportation Plan EIRs and a competitive bid.

1. VRPA Technologies, Inc - \$29,996
2. James Environmental Planning - \$ 29,350

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Wheeler, seconded by Commissioner Poythress to approve VRPA Technologies, Inc RTP EIR proposal and authorize staff to develop a contract not to exceed \$30,000. A vote was called and the motion carried.

E. San Joaquin Valley Planning Agencies' Fall Policy Conference October 1st and 2nd, 2009

Included in the Commissioner's packet was a copy of the Draft Agenda for the San Joaquin Valley Planning Agencies' Fall Policy Conference to be held on Thursday, October 1st and Friday, October 2nd, 2009. The conference will be at the Holiday Inn in downtown Fresno.

Action: Information and discussion only.

V. REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Action: The Commission unanimously approved to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

A. Executive Minutes of July 22, 2009

Included in the Commissioner's packet was a copy of the July 22, 2009 Executive Minutes for review.

Action: Approve Executive Minutes of July 22, 2009.

B. 2007-08 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Audits – City of Chowchilla; City of Madera; and County of Madera

MCTC has received the Report of Examination of Revenues and Expenses of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) allocations for the Fiscal Year June 30, 2008 for the County of Madera, the City of Madera, and the City of Chowchilla. These reports were done in accordance with Section 99245 of the Public Utilities Code by Dedekian, George, Small & Markarian Accountancy Corporation.

Staff is pleased to report that there are no adverse findings.

Action: Accept TDA Fiscal and Compliance Audit Reports for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2008 for the County of Madera, the City of Madera, and the City of Chowchilla.

Administrative Consent Calendar Action

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Kopshever, seconded by Commissioner Poythress to approve the Administrative Consent Calendar. A vote was called and the motion carried.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Proposal for Fiscal Audits and Claimant Audits for FY 2008-09

The firm of Dedekian, George, Small & Markarian Accountancy Corporation has submitted a proposal, included in the Commissioners packet, to perform Fiscal Audits and Claimant Audits for FY 2008/09. The proposal is for a not to exceed amount of \$21,550 with work to be completed by December 31, 2009.

Commissioner Kopshever expressed concern about the fact that this would be the 4th year in a row with the same auditor. Staff shared the concern and explained that they were still some unresolved findings with Caltrans Audits and Investigations and staff recommended that MCTC retain the current auditor for one more year. Staff would then conduct a RFP for the next fiscal year audit.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Kopshever, seconded by Commissioner Armentrout to accept Proposal to furnish Independent Audit Services by Dedekian, George, Small & Markarian and not to exceed the amount of \$21,550 and the work to be completed by December 31, 2009. A vote was called and the motion carried.

MCTC Sitting as the Madera County 2006 Transportation Authority

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Final 2009-10 Annual Work Program – Measure “T”

The Measure “T” 2009-10 Annual Work Program was included in the Commissioners packet. Per Authority policy the AWP is prepared annually and serves as the annual funding authority for the Measure “T” program. The Annual Work Program recognizes funds available for projects according to the Measure “T” Investment Plan and outlines each local jurisdiction’s Annual Expenditure Plan with respect to the available funds. Also, staff has asked for approval to release and disburse the interest earned through June 30, 2009.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Kopshever to approve the 2009-10 Measure “T” Annual Work Program and the disbursement of interest earned through June 30, 2009. A vote was called and the motion carried.

B. Measure “T” Citizens’ Oversight Committee Appointments

The Measure T Citizens’ Oversight Committee was formed in 2007 to provide public oversight of the new

half-cent transportation sales tax measure passed in November 2006. The purpose of the Committee is to ensure that the Measure T funding program revenues and expenditures are spent as promised to the public.

The Committee currently consists of one member from each of the five Madera County supervisorial districts and two “at-large” members. October 2009 marks the end of the first term for four (4) COC members. The MCTA Board may choose to either reappoint any member who desires to serve another term or appoint new members to any of the available seats.

An application package was released to the public on July 8, 2009. MCTA staff informed all local elected officials of the vacancies on the Committee and arranged for advertising in local newspapers and periodicals, including the Madera Tribune, Sierra Star, Chowchilla News, Ranchos Independent, and Yosemite Sun. The application was also made available for download on the Madera County Transportation Commission web site.

The four seats open for appointment include:

- Two (2) at-large public members
- Two (2) representatives, one (1) each from District 2 and District 5

Included in Commissioner’s packet were copies of the 7 applications submitted to the Madera County Transportation Authority, a listing of applicants according to their geographic eligibility, and Appendix C of the Measure T Investment Plan.

The Authority may directly appoint members to the COC from the list provided in your package. If the Authority desires more time to review applications before making appointments, staff recommends that the Authority appoint a three-member Selection Committee consisting of one MCTA Board member from each of the three MCTA member agencies.

The Selection Committee will review each Citizens’ Oversight Committee application, select candidates for the COC who meet the criteria specified in the Investment Plan, and make a final recommendation to the Authority at the October 21, 2009 board meeting.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Armentrout, seconded by Commissioner Poythress to appoint four applicants to the Measure “T” Citizens’ Oversight Committee as follow:

District (2) – Dennis Holschlag

District (5) – William Bunnell, Jr.

At-Large – Tom Swire and Christopher Baker

A vote was called and the motion carried.

C. Proposal for Measure “T” Fiscal Audit and Claimant Audit for FY 2008-09

The firm of Dedekian, George, Small & Markarian Accountancy Corporation has submitted a proposal, (included in the Commissioners packet), to perform Fiscal Audits and Compliance Audits for Measure “T” for FY 2008/09. The proposal is for a not to exceed amount of \$9,600 with work to be completed by December 31, 2009.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Armentrout, seconded by Commissioner Poythress to accept Proposal to furnish Independent Audit Services by Dedekian, George, Small & Markarian and not to exceed the amount of \$9,600 with work to be completed by December 31, 2009. A vote was called and the motion carried.

IX. Miscellaneous

A. Items From Caltrans

Caltrans reported that two of Madera County Safe Route to School applications have been awarded:
Madison Elementary School - \$152,820
La Vina School - \$40,410

Caltrans also updated the Commission on the current status on STIP.

B. Items from Staff

Staff handed out a letter regarding COG's to participate in a Proposed Grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Revolving Loan Funds – Brownfield's Program.

C. Items from Commissioners

No Items from the Commissioners.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Next MCTC meeting set for Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,

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Madera County Transportation Commission